Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 270 of the acts of 1985 is hereby amended by striking out clause (b), as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 427 of the acts of 1991, and inserting in place thereof the following clause:-

(b) recruitment and recommendations for appointment by the board of selectmen of all department heads, except the librarian, the superintendent of schools, the treasurer-collector, the town clerk, and any other department head who is elected or who is appointed by another elected board or commission; provided, however, that in the case of the director of recreation, any recommendation shall be approved by the park and recreation commission and in the case of the director of the council on aging, any recommendation shall be approved by the council on aging, and in making such recommendations, the administrator may in the administrator's discretion recommend for appointment as department head single candidates whom the board of selectmen shall either appoint or reject until 1 is appointed.

SECTION 2. Said section 2 of said chapter 270, as most recently amended by said chapter 427 of said acts of 1991, is hereby further amended by inserting after clause (b) the following clause:-

(b½) approval of the appointment of all other town employees, except employees of the library, employees of the town clerk's office, employees of the school department and civil service employees who are subject to chapter 31 of the General Laws.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved, April 18, 2012.